

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of recording image data as a visible image on an image recording medium, comprising the step of:

recording information including at least attributes of the image recording medium itself on said image recording medium in addition to an image recorded on the image recording medium.

2. (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein said image recording medium is removed from a package of a plurality of image recording mediums, and the image data is recorded as the visible image on the removed image recording medium, and wherein said information including the attributes of the image recording medium comprises information indicated on at least said package.

3. (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein said information is attributes are recorded in an area of said image recording medium other than an area thereof in which said image is recorded.

4. (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein said information alsoattributes includes apparatus information of an apparatus for recording the image on said image recording medium.

5. (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein said information isattributes are recorded as visible information on said image recording medium.

6. (Original): A method according to claim 5, further comprising the steps of:
converting said information into a predetermined display pattern; and
recording said predetermined display pattern on said image recording medium.

7. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for recording image data as a visible image on an image recording medium, comprising:

first means for recording an image on the image recording medium; and
second means for recording information-including-at least attributes of the image recording medium itself on said image recording medium.

8. (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said second means comprises means for recording said information-attributes in an area of said image recording medium other than an area thereof in which said image is recorded by said first means.

9. (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said second means comprises means for recording said information-attributes as visible information.

10. (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim [[7]] 9, further comprising:
third means for converting said information ~~including the attributes of the image~~
~~recording medium~~ into a predetermined display pattern, and outputting said predetermined
display pattern to said second means.

11. (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim [[7]] 10, further comprising:
fourth means for removing said image recording medium from a package of a plurality of
image recording mediums;
said first means comprising means for recording the image data as the visible image on
the removed image recording medium; and
said second means comprising means for recording information indicated on at least said
package as ~~said~~ information including the attributes of the image recording medium.

12. (Original): An image recording medium for recording image data as a visible image
thereon, wherein information including at least attributes of the image recording medium is
recorded in an area of said image recording medium other than an area thereof in which said
visible image is recorded.

13. (New): A method according to claim 1 wherein the image recorded on the image
recording medium is viewable by an observer.

14. (New): A method according to claim 1, wherein the attributes of the recording medium comprises information corresponding to the image recording medium on which the attributes is recorded.

15. (New): A method according to claim 14, wherein the attributes include at least one of terms of validity of the image recording medium; type of image recording medium; dates and times when packages of image recording medium were opened; temperature at which images recorded on the image recording medium were developed; production time; production place; production lot numbers and production company.